

January 2007 Winterport Recreation Department Report

Board News –

The Recreation Board held its January meeting on 1/17. At this meeting we discussed the current programs being offered (basketball, cheerleading), upcoming programs, and policies and procedures. Minutes of the last meeting will soon be available at our Website. Our next monthly meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 15th, at 6:30pm.

Sponsored Programs –

- Adult BBALL (men) The Recreation Department makes Wagner Gym available on Sundays for Men's 5x5 basketball. There continues to be a steady number of folks showing up to play.
- Adult BBALL (women) The Recreation Department makes Wagner Gym available on Tuesdays from 5-6:30pm for women's basketball. They will be starting up again on January 30th.
- Cheerleading The Cheering program continues to be a success. As the basketball season winds down, so will cheerleading. The Recreation Department will meet after the season with the cheerleading coach, Christy Dinardo, to discuss any possible changes and improvements for next year.
- Youth Basketball Youth basketball is starting to wind down now. The PreK/K and 1st/2nd grade groups finished their season on 1/20. The Town Recreation league will be finishing up soon with end of season tournaments hosted in various locations. The upcoming travel basketball is starting to get going as well. Coaches are available and teams have been selected. Final budget figures are still being accumulated.

Recreation Coordinator's Report –

The Basketball programs have run smoothly with minor problems. The Pre kindergarten through 2nd graders have finished up a week early, with everyone involved delighted with the young players advancement. The 3rd and 4th grade girls and boys are all doing great with great play and sportsmanship being shown weekly. After a rough beginning, the 5th and 6th grade boys town team have been doing great and having fun. They are competing better as every week goes by. Kevin Black has done a stellar job again this season. His 5th and 6th grade girls team are the team to beat within the rec league. Our two Eastern Maine Basketball League teams are competing at a higher level of play than the rest of the towns participants, playing well under the higher level of competition.

This year is the first year our recreation winter program has offered Cheerleading thanks to Christy Dinardo. Christy has done a great job bringing this young program into fruition.

Our Department's programs have been strained financially with the unexpected need of a translator for one of our participants. The recreation board is trying hard to keep from going over the budget limits under this new strain.

Town resident Heather Roberts has received a \$1000.00 donation for our recreation department to use for its programs from MBNA for doing voluntary community service within our recreation program. I want to thank Heather for helping this fall with our soccer program.

More discussion on having a winter carnival has helped in the Recreation Board's final ideas on its agenda. Now with a date of March 2nd, and hopefully good snow, everything will go smoothly from here.

The Recreation Board has been working on, and hopefully will put into place, policies and procedures for guidelines for the department to go by with all its programs.

Upcoming Events –

In the next month, the Recreation Board will continue to draft the policies and procedures. We plan on holding a workshop in early spring to help finalize the document. We will also be bringing the youth basketball program to a close and starting to plan for the spring session. Kevin McKay has again approached the Recreation Department to host a youth fly fishing program. He ran one last year with great success and will do so again this year. The dates for this program will be Feb 25th, March 4th, and March 11th. We will be working in conjunction with the Recreation Coordinator to make updates to our website. These updates should be completed in the next few weeks. We will also be working with the Recreation Coordinator to host a Winter Carnival on March 2nd. Planning is underway.